

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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Project Applicant: Resource Conservation District of Monterey County – Paul Robins

Applicant's Agent: Self Representing

Project Name: Blanco Drain Water Improvement Project

Receiving Water: Blanco Drain, tributary to Salinas river

City/County: Salinas / Monterey

Public Notice: December 16, 2019 – January 6, 2020

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the water quality in Blanco Drain by installing two microbial denitrification bioreactors.

The proposed project activities in waters include:

- Bypassing Blanco Drain away from the worksite via a U-shaped localized 4-foot-tall sandbag cofferdam with visqueen lining;
- Installing the cofferdam with hand labor;
- Installing a prefabricated concrete intake box to avoid pouring concrete on-site;
- Pouring concrete if the prefabricated intake box is unable to conform to the channel shape;
- Installing an intake pump; and
- Installing rock energy dissipators to prevent erosion of the Blanco Drain.

No mitigation is proposed. The Resource Conservation District of Monterey County filed a Categorical Exemption on May 21, 2019.